

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY ( <i>Name, State Bar number, and address</i> ) SO CAL EQUAL ACCESS GROUP JASON KIM (SBN: 190246) 101 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE SECOND FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90004 TELEPHONE NO: (213) 205-6560 FAX NO ( <i>Optional</i> ): E-MAIL ADDRESS ( <i>Optional</i> ): ATTORNEY FOR ( <i>Name</i> ): SAM BENFORD	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles STREET ADDRESS: 350 West 1st Street MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, 90012 BRANCH NAME: FIRST STREET U.S COURTHOUSE	
PLAINTIFF / PETITIONER: SAM BENFORD DEFENDANT / RESPONDENT: STERLING MACHINERY AUCTIONS LLC; DEBRA LOUISE MATTES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DEBRA MATTES LIVING TRUST	CASE NUMBER: 2:25-cv-06630-ODW (MBKx)
<b>PROOF OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS</b>	Ref. No. or File No.: 14163653

(Separate proof of service is required for each party served.)

1. At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action.
2. I served copies of: (Fed.R. Civ. P. 4(c)(2). "Service in compliance with federal rules of civil procedures")
  - a. ☒ summons
  - b. ☒ complaint
  - c. ☐ Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) package
  - d. ☒ Civil Case Cover Sheet (*served in complex cases only*)
  - e. ☐ cross-complaint
  - f. ☒ other (*specify documents*): CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTIES; NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES; NOTICE TO PARTIES OF COURT-DIRECTED ADR PROGRAM; NOTICE TO COUNSEL RE CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE; NOTICE TO PARTIES: ADA DISABILITY ACCESS LITIGATION; CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL ORDER DECLINING SUPPLEMENTAL JURISDICTION
3. a. Party served (*specify name of party as shown on documents served*):  
STERLING MACHINERY AUCTIONS LLC
  - b. ☒ Person (other than the party in item 3a) served on behalf of an entity or as an authorized agent (and not a person under item 5b on whom substituted service was made) (*specify name and relationship to the party named in item 3a*):  
ADAM MATTES, AS AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS
4. Address where the party was served:  
9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733
5. I served the party (*check proper box*)
  - a. ☐ **by personal service.** I personally delivered the documents listed in item 2 to the party or person authorized to receive service of process for the party (1) on (*date*): (2) at (*time*):
  - b. ☒ **by substituted service.** On (*date*): Fri, Oct 03 2025 at (*time*): 03:27 PM I left the documents listed in item 2 with or in the presence of (*name and title or relationship to person indicated in item 3*):  
John Doe (refused to give name), Manager - Age: 55; Ethnicity: Caucasian; Gender: Male; Weight: 220; Height: 6'1"; Hair: Brown
    - (1) ☒ (**business**) a person at least 18 years of age apparently in charge at the office or usual place of business of the person to be served. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
    - (2) ☐ (**home**) a competent member of the household (at least 18 years of age) at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the party. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
    - (3) ☐ (**physical address unknown**) a person at least 18 years of age apparently in charge at the usual mailing address of the person to be served, other than a United States Postal Service post office box. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
    - (4) ☒ I thereafter mailed (by first-class, postage prepaid) copies of the documents to the person to be served at the place where the copies were left (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.20). I mailed the documents on (*date*): Fri, Oct 03 2025 from (*city*): UPLAND or ☐ a declaration of mailing is attached.
    - (5) ☒ I attach a **declaration of diligence** stating actions taken first to attempt personal service.

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5. c. ☐ **by mail and acknowledgment of receipt of service.** I mailed the documents listed in item 2 to the party, to the address shown in item 4, by first-class mail, postage prepaid,  
(1) on (date): (2) from (city):  
(3) ☐ with two copies of the *Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt* and a postage-paid return envelope addressed to me. (*Attach completed Notice and Acknowledgement of Receipt.*) (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.30.)  
(4) ☐ to an address outside California with return receipt requested. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.40.)  
d. ☐ **by other means** (*specify means of service and authorizing code section*):  
  
☐ Additional page describing service is attached.
6. The "Notice to the Person Served" (on the summons) was completed as follows:  
a. ☐ as an individual defendant.  
b. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (*specify*):  
c. ☐ as occupant.  
d. ☐ On behalf of (*specify*):  
under the following Code of Civil Procedure section:  

<input type="checkbox"/> 416.10 (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> 415.95 (business organization, form unknown)
<input type="checkbox"/> 416.20 (defunct corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> 416.60 (minor)
<input type="checkbox"/> 416.30 (joint stock company/association)	<input type="checkbox"/> 416.70 (ward or conservatee)
<input type="checkbox"/> 416.40 (association or partnership)	<input type="checkbox"/> 416.90 (authorized person)
<input type="checkbox"/> 416.50 (public entity)	<input type="checkbox"/> 415.46 (occupant)
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
7. **Person who served papers**  
a. Name: MICHAEL RODGERS  
b. Address: 440 NORTH MOUNTAIN AVENUE SUITE 115, UPLAND, CA 91786  
c. Telephone number: 909-850-5242  
d. **The fee for service was:**  
e. I am:  
(1) ☐ not a registered California process server.  
(2) ☐ exempt from registration under Business and Professions Code section 22350(b).  
(3) ☒ a registered California process server:  
(i) ☐ owner ☐ employee ☒ independent contractor  
(ii) Registration No: 833  
(iii) County: SAN BERNARDINO
8. ☒ **I declare** under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.  
or  
9. ☐ **I am a California sheriff or marshal and** I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 10/06/2025  
MICHAEL RODGERS

(NAME OF PERSON WHO SERVED PAPERS / SHERIFF OR MARSHAL)



(SIGNATURE)

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**DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE**

(This form must be attached to another form or court paper before it can be filed in court.)

1) Unsuccessful Attempt: Sep 22, 2025, 9:00 am PDT at 9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

Per employee, the recipient is not at work today.

2) Unsuccessful Attempt: Sep 24, 2025, 1:09 pm PDT at 9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

Per employee, the recipient is not at work today.

3) Unsuccessful Attempt: Sep 25, 2025, 4:49 pm PDT at 9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

Business is closed for the day

4) Successful Attempt: Oct 3, 2025, 3:27 pm PDT at 9310 Garvey Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733 received by John Doe Manager. Age: 55; Ethnicity: Caucasian; Gender: Male; Weight: 220; Height: 6'1"; Hair: Brown

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 10/06/2025

MICHAEL RODGERS

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

☐ Attorney for ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Petitioner ☐ Defendant  
☐ Respondent ☒ Other (*Specify*): REGISTERED PROCESS SERVER